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He Would go Wild.

A gentleman of high character who lives near the army post at San Antonio, Texas, writes as follows, in one of our exchanges, about the demoralization of the soldiers, and the temptations to which they are subjected: "Two of the most conspicuous buildings of the city, and in fair view of the post, are immense breweries, which have saloons at every possible point to be maintained, to excite and gratify thirst, and these in addition to the post canteen. At night the soldiers congregate in the *red light* district, and when very numerous the officers at the post are appealed to to come and corrall them. The principal offenders are fined and restrained a few days and then another round.

I here repeat some of the remarks made to me one night on a car by a young soldier as he was going, with many others, to the city: 'At home I am a church member, a Christian. I have not been to church in two years. A soldier has no business at church. A man cannot live a Christian life and be a soldier. There is not one in a hundred who does not every three or four days get on a drunk. If a soldier should attempt to live a moral life, he would be tormented to death by the baser sort. The only way to do is to go along with them. If my father knew that I am living the life I am, he would go wild.'"

The *American Monthly Review of Reviews* speaks as follows of the removal of some of the important causes of war: "Among the very greatest recent events making for peace have been the agreements which practically complete the partition of Africa. First came the settlement of differences between England and Germany as respects southern and central Africa—a notable triumph of honorable diplomacy. And later came the understanding worked out between Lord Salisbury and M. Cambon in settlement of the very serious differences between France and England respecting northern Africa. Almost all of the great Sahara region is now French so far as English recognition can make it. It is suggested that to make this comprehensive agreement between England and France the better operative in the future, there ought at once to be agreed upon some plan for a commission to arbitrate any difference that might arise in the future in the interpretation of the various features of the settlement."

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Should be Speedily Terminated.

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"Whereas, The United States is waging cruel and remorseless war in the Philippine islands against a people defending their liberties, and

Whereas, We believe all wars to be unnecessary and cruel, therefore be it

Resolved by this Conference, That in justice to the Philippine patriots and in justice to our American volunteers who have so valiantly fought in defence of the weak and oppressed and also in justice to our boasted American principles, the warfare now being waged against one of the peoples whom our nation has lately defended from oppression and tyranny should be humanely and speedily terminated, and

That the coming Peace Conference at The Hague has our earnest sympathy and prayers."

A Plea to Peace.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

When mighty issues loom before us, all
The petty great men of the day seem small,
Like pigmies standing in a blaze of light
Before some grim, majestic mountain height.
War with its bloody and impartial hand
Reveals the hidden weakness of a land—
Uncrowns the heroes trusting Peace has made
Of men whose honor is a thing of trade,
And turns the search-light full on many a place
Where proud conventions long have masked disgrace.
Oh, lovely Peace! as thou art fair, be wise;
Demand great men, and great men shall arise
To do thy bidding. Even as warriors come,
Swift at the call of bugle and of drum,
So at the voice of Peace, imperative
As bugle's call, shall heroes spring to live
For country and for thee. In every land,
In every age, men are what times demand.
Demand the best, oh Peace, and teach thy sons
They need not rush in front of death-charged guns,
With murder in their hearts, to prove their worth.
The grandest heroes who have graced the earth
Were love-filled souls, who did not seek the fray,
But chose the safe, hard, high and lonely way
Of selfless labor for a suffering world.
Beneath our glorious flag, again unfurled
In victory, such heroes wait to be
Called into bloodless action, Peace, by thee.
Be thou insistent in thy stern demand,
And wise great men shall rise up in the land.

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